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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

MEMORANDUM FOR HOLDERS OF USIB-D-28.1/9

SUBJECT : The Strategic Warning Problem

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1. In executive session at the USIB meeting of 20 November the Chairman of the Strategic Warning Working Group (SWWG) opened the discussion of this subject with a brief statement in which he made the following points:

a. This SWWG paper was prepared at the direction of the DCI--it did not receive broad coordination in the four agencies concerned--the study was designed to give information, make suggestions and stimulate discussion.

b. The SWWG realizes that it may have missed some things that wider participation might have uncovered and welcomes all comments and suggestions.

c. After reading the study the DCI reaffirmed the SWWG charter and told us to stay in business to follow up all leads and ideas for improvement of our warning capabilities on a continuing basis.

d. By giving a sort of history of U. S. efforts on this subject and then outlining what may be coming up in the future the SWWG hoped that this would help produce programming actions for warning within the agencies concerned.

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e. In order to advise the Board as to what the SWWG is doing and intends to do General Taylor tabled a draft paper of intended actions with an indication of the agency or agencies most directly concerned. In tabling this Action List (attached hereto) General Taylor said that he wished to solicit the support of the Board Principals in getting on with the work in this field which the SWWG feels needs to be done.

2. Following General Taylor's remarks the Chairman suggested that the Board Principals go through and discuss the attached Action List with General Taylor. The high lights of this discussion included the following points:

a. In regard to the proposed updating of NIE 11-10-66 (item 1) the Board supported the Chairman's view that this estimate does not need to be scheduled for updating during CY 70, since this SWWG report provides the required appraisal of our strategic warning capabilities at this time.

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c. In regard to item 3 General Taylor confirmed the Chairman's comment that study and assessment of these systems was underway on a continuing basis but that this suggestion was made primarily to highlight and stress the word "warning" in relation to the capabilities of the advanced

\*The Executive Secretary has been informed by General Taylor that Mr. Harold Ford has been notified of this request and that steps have been taken to get this study underway.

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